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The First Christmas And Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six

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Are we far separated from the first Christmas? In some ways we are quite close, particularly in the great need of children then and now. Ancient imperialism with its familiar burdening, provided the setting for the birth of Jesus. His parents were regimented for taxation by imperial decree, forced to do weary journeying to Bethlehem, the ancestral home. So today the shadow of imperialism falls upon children made miserable in Asia, Africa, Europe. Even in favored America military necessity has decreed the loss of much parental oversight and yearning discipline, a loss children can ill afford to endure. At the first Christmas and in 1946, childhood points its great need—the security of a free and unrestricted parental love.

Because this is One World, the children of otherwise well favored progressive people can have this security only in union with the humble and poor children of undeveloped lands. Children of the world, unable to protect

themselves, suffer from the same loss and enjoy the same gain. Aroused parental love is a mighty force but it is not strong enough to gain security for the children of its love. It is only strong enough when it is part of sacrificial, universal Christian love, a very power of God, to bless and protect the world's children.

The supreme task of this Christian love today, is to so move the governments of the peoples of the world (it is a God-given force of the people) that they will accept God's gift of love as his will for Nations, patterning in international relationships after the life teaching and sacrifice of Jesus of Nazareth and Bethlehem. Governments made strong by Christianized parental and all protective love will throw away all faulty, selfish patterns of extreme nationalism and dominating imperialism. Then the people will truly celebrate the Joy of the Birth of Christ in the security of all children; then there will be "Peace on Earth, among men of goodwill."

Christmas 1946

Rev. J. T. Gibbons
Sacred Heart Church

The story of the Incarnation is told in the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 2, Verse 1-20. With rapid, deft strokes, St. Luke paints the picture of that first Christmas, with a brevity and clearness of expression that only a man inspired by God could portray.

It would be difficult to intelligently read this passage of Scripture without being cognizant of that quickening pulsation that sends the blood hurrying through our veins.

To be a follower of Christ does not mean that we are kill-joys. On the contrary, to be a Christian means that we are joy bringers. The heart of every Christian should overflow with the joy of the humble shepherds, who returned from the visit to the Savior in the manger "glorifying and praising God, for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them."

The story of Christmas is truly "ever ancient, ever new." It is the old, old story of the coming of the Saviour to redeem a world that had cut itself off from God.

My dear Readers - Just imagine what a dreary time our winter would be if there were no Christmas coming right in the midst of it. Can you imagine yourself living behind an iron curtain where Christmas for all practical purposes is outlawed? Yes indeed it would be a dreary world if we had no Christmas story to bring cheer

into our cold hearts. About the only time of year that some people smile is during the Christmas Season.

The Birth of Christ is the most important event in the history of the world. All civilized Nations reckon time and dates, not as the Jews from the Creation, nor as the ancient Romans from the foundation of their city, but from the Birth of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

My dear Readers - Let us take a quick glance at the picture St. Luke paints of that first Christmas. Weary travellers from near and far were pouring into the City of David in obedience to the decree of the dictator, Caesar, that a census should be taken of the whole world. Weariness and anxiety lined the faces of the pilgrims. The uncertainty of lodging and of food gripped their souls in the vise of suspense. The hoof beats of donkeys and the grind of iron-rimmed cart wheels on the cobblestones and the shouts of anxious men filled the air with noise and confusion quite foreign to the usual quiet calmness of Bethlehem nights.

In the midst of this noise and confusion, Joseph a carpenter eagerly sought lodging for his young wife Mary. Everywhere the response to his inquiries were the same "We have no room." Helpless men who made high carnival in the inn, had room only for those who could pay and pay handsomely, and as the twilight deep

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The Christmas Star

O Star of Hope, send us thy light!
Wise Men have followed thee afar
To find a world of peace, not night—
A world of Love and not of War.

They followed over desert sands
And sought in palaces of kings,
They travelled into far-off lands
To offer gifts of precious things.

On Zion's throne they sought a king,
In Palace deemed this Prince to find,
They found a little baby thing
Unsheltered from night's chilly wind.

They gave to Him their precious gold
And frankincense and myrrh as God;
These Wise Men marvelled to behold
The tiny stem of Jesse's rod.

While shepherds came to worship Him
And told of Angels coming near
That brought glad tidings heavenly
by name

Of peace on earth that knows no fear:

When men in good-will shall abide
Creator's glory song to sing,
I'll over all the nations wide
The Dove of Peace will spread its wing.

Rejoice in hope, thou smitten earth!
God's wondrous Love is not in vain
While angels' song proclaims the birth
Of Christ in human hearts again.

Shine bright, thou Star, this Christmas night!
Lead us again to Christ our Lord;
Our Star of Hope — this World's true Light.
God's gift to men—God's healing Word.

Rev. Walter E. Sieber.

A Voice From The Other World

A Meditation at Christmas Time

The Rev. M. Jorgensen, M. Th.
Standard, Alberta

Many are the voices that reach the ears of man, calling for attention, for sympathy, for action.

The voice of physical suffering comes piercing and pleading from many a devastated country.

The voice of dissatisfaction is heard from many quarters: We are now getting our fair share of the good things of life!

The voice of futility is expressed by young and old alike. The younger ones say: We were deceived by false promises. The older ones lament: We bore the toil, the hours of anxiety, the burdens of sorrow. The young and old join in the chorus: What

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Christmas Message

Rev. Douglas A. Ford, B. A., L. Th.,
Rector of St. Michael and All Angels
Church, Strathmore

Once again we come to the festival of Christmas. In its tender beauty, its cheer, its good will, we find rich blessing. Heaven and earth are very close together. We catch glimpses of the glory of that other world. We see its radiant light in the faces of dear familiar friends. We catch the echoes of its heavenly music in the cheery greeting of familiar voices. Many of us will gather in God's house, and there, lost in wonder, love and praise, will feel Him pouring into us a joy and a peace that we would not exchange for all the treasures of the world. Truly such a Christmas will be a "merry Christmas"; it will be a

BLESSED one.

And when the Christmas candles have guttered out and the lights and music of that other world have faded away, we are back again in the old familiar world, faced with the same tasks and responsibilities. We are confronted with the same temptations, the same loneliness, the same old weariness. But we are not the same. For the Christmas blessing of greater God-consciousness, Immanuel - God with us abides, making us better men and women. With this truth in our hearts we are reassured that love is stronger than hate; that this poor humanity is touched with Divinity; that ideals are worth striving for. We find new strength to carry on in a twisted, tangled world.

The Christmas Gift

Rev. A. A. Hamilton, B. A.
Strathmore United Church

Once a year we have the privilege of wishing one another "Merry Christmas." Most of you to whom Church's greetings go out will experience a surge of goodwill and a warming of family affection that will make our wishes for a truly festive holiday particularly appropriate.

Christmas at its best, is a time of the fullest family fellowship of the year. It is the season of the year when there is the most contagious enthusiasm, the most spontaneous goodwill, the warmest willing of desire on the part of the parents that the children will find happiness, the liveliest likelihood that quarrels within the family will be forgotten. It is family day par excellence.

Christmas is the time when there is the largest outbreak of friendliness among strangers and even erstwhile enemies. You don't have to know a person to call out to him, "A Merry Christmas." People who only nod the rest of the year usually unlimber enough to speak. Strangers are less strange; neighbors are more nice; grumpy people are more easily approached, frigid people thaw in the warmth of the Yuletide spirit; the only prickles easily discernible are those on the holy.

In the first winter of the first world war the soldiers of the opposing sides came out of the trenches on Christmas day and mingled in the desolation of No Man's Land as friends. It is not only the right but also the easy thing to offer good wishes to those who will participate, with in a congenial gathering, in the overflowing friendliness that marks this happiest of times. The only people to whom it is hard to send greetings are those either who do not believe in our

faith or who have built such a wall of loneliness and bitterness about them that we have never broken through.

The celebration of our Saviour's birth is possible only if we practice sharing. Can you imagine anyone having a Merry Christmas all by himself? No one would attempt it. These ideas do not mix in our minds because Christmas is unthinkable apart from the act of giving. Although the custom of bestowing presents has become a great burden to some yet Nativity Day will cease to be marked if Christian folk lose the desire to share their best with their comrades of the world. This element of giving is indispensable to this festival because the principle was set on the first Christmas. "God so loved the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. The supreme giver gave to mankind the perfect gift. In our own small way we reflect this act which we have not the power to duplicate.

May our giving be done in remembrance of God's gift. May it be done wholeheartedly and thankfully. May we give not only of the things of our hands but also of the best fellowship of our hearts and minds. May we seek to bring within the circle of our goodwill those whose lack of faith or loneliness would otherwise shut them out. May the blessing of a truly Merry Christmas be ours this season and through all the days of the coming year.

The classified pages of newspapers often carry some of the best slips. Don Dougan spotted one offering for sale an electric fan, D. C. 16 inch oscillating." Don says he'd sell it too, if it does that.



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Under The Street Lamp

by PAT O'HOOOLEY

"Mother," asked Jeannine Gannon, "Is Santa Claus really and truly a good man?"

"Why sure, he is. What a question to ask."

"Well, Christmas Eve when he was here, he fell over a chair and you should have heard what he said."

"Who was that you were talking to at the gate for a whole hour?" asked Bill Tew.

"Oh that was Mrs. Isard," replied his wife. "She hadn't time to come in."

It isn't necessarily the right road because it is well beaten.

"I want to grow some trees in my garden. Can you sell me a few seeds?" asked Mrs. Hinchliffe.

"Certainly, madam," replied Dick Tudor. He brought her a packet. "Can you guarantee these?" she asked.

"Yes, madam, we can."

"Will the trees be tall and thick in the trunk?"

"They should be, madam."

"And quite strong at the roots, I suppose?"

"Oh, yes, madam."

"Very well, I'll take a hammock at the same time."

"How did your potato crop turn out?" asked Keith Baldwin.

"Splendid," replied John Mackie. "Some were as big as marbles, some were as big as peas, and, of course, there were quite a lot of little ones."

If we could see ourselves as others see us, says Peggy Skjele, we'd never speak to them again.

Christmas Greetings

Munroe Macleod, M. A.
Superintendent of Schools
Wheatland School Division

Even a cursory examination of the world as it is today reveals much in the way of debt, much of credit.

Consider first the debt side. Perhaps never has there been a greater dearth of true statesmanship in the councils of the nations. Russia, alone knowing what it wants, but sullen, suspicious, yet maintaining a foreign policy, a sixteenth century legacy. Incidentally, that even government members will not support while they refrain from criticism: the United States, lacking any coherent foreign policy, with a press ever ready to snipe at Britain, or at Russia, as the prevalent mood dictates.

Then there is the atomic bomb. They say that in case of war Canadian cities would merit only about ten of these. Stop for a moment and consider what would be left of our country without any of its larger cities. In ancient days fire worshippers made their children "pass through fire" on certain rare occasions. Must we in this enlightened age do the same for all our city children?

No doubt in the event of war the Empire and the United States would win. They always do, but their cities would be ruined; their populations depleted; their civilizations destroyed utterly.

"But," says the Russian, "Capitalism must be overthrown. 'Life lines must be guarded,' adds the Englishman. 'Nothing but free enterprise can be tolerated in this country,' concludes the American. And the atomic moloch, listening to their words with ghoulish glee, stokes hotter and hotter his fiery furnace."

Well, what about the credit side? Plenty: new cures for diseases formerly considered incurable; new types of communications, at speeds once undreamed of; new types of clothing to fill varying needs of varying people; universal education for the masses with college education for ever greater numbers; machinery to reduce toil and hours of work; household conveniences to emancipate women; atomic energy opening up dazzling possibilities. Never in all history did the human race have so much to live for. Plenty of room for pessimism, plenty for optimism.

To all a Merry Christmas and a glad and prosperous New Year.

BERRY VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Due to the illness of Mrs. Godfrey the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Leonard Hilton on Thursday December 5th and Mrs. G. Kearns, Mrs. Way and Mrs. T. Taylor helped supply the lunch. The roll call was current events.

The treasurer's report of the bazaar revealed that a total of \$122.85 had been cleared. Several outstanding accounts were paid and a number of items of business were dispersed. Donations of ten dollars were made to each of the Woods Christian Home and the Salvation Army.

The president then presented Mrs. Wise with a half dozen silver teaspoons, in the "Adoration" pattern, from the W. I. on the occasion of her Silver Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Wise expressed her thanks for the gift and good wishes.

The meeting adjourned and tea was served by the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Brook to seven members and three visitors.

The next meeting will be the Annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Bazant. Roll call is exchange of Christmas gifts.

God's Plenty

Being the Popular Report for 1946 of the British and Foreign Bible Society, 146 Queen Victoria St., London, E. C. 4, England, by the Rev. John A. Patten, M. C., M. A., Literary Superintendent.

There is something very comforting about the title of the Popular Report in a time of death in many lands, and famine in others.

As usual, the keynote of the Report is indicated in the Preface. It tells the story of the way in which the British and Foreign Bible Society has distributed the Book of God's Plenty to a needy world during the past twelve months.

The titles of the chapters indicate the scope and variety of the Society's many activities throughout the world: "The Book of God's Plenty" "God's Plenty in Translations" "The Sower of Plenty" "Getting Going on the Continent" "The First Year in India" "The Curtain Rises in China" "Unity in South America" "In the Commonwealth" "The Hayward's Health Con-

ference" "God's Plenty in Gifts."

Naturally there is much to report about re-starting the work in many lands in Europe, whilst the other continents are not being neglected as the theme unfolds. It is interesting to find that the work in China has been resumed, that there is unity in operation between the American Bible Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society in South America, and that in the Empire Commonwealth the British and Foreign Bible Society continues to operate through its Auxiliaries, over that vast area of the world's surface.

There is an interesting account of the formation of the Council of United Bible Societies. Within this Council each Society will be self-governing, and make collections within its own territory. The main object of this federation is to develop a sense of unity in the one great purpose for which all Bible Societies exist, namely the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment.

Gifts to the Society during the past year have shown a large increase, but the programme needed for replenishment of the printed Word throughout the world will require even greater generosity and more sacrificial giving than Christian people have yet been called on to manifest.

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AND

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— LANGDON

A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens



MARLEY was dead.

Scrooge knew he was dead. Scrooge and he were partners. Scrooge was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone, a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner! Once upon a time—on Christmas Eve—old Scrooge sat busy in his counting-house.

"A Merry Christmas, uncle. God save you!" cried his nephew's cheerful voice.

"Bah!" said Scrooge, "Humbug!"

One day when asked to give to the poor for the festive season, Scrooge replied, "I help to support the poorhouses—they cost enough; and those who are badly off must go there."

AFTER dinner that night, Scrooge went home to bed. A doused bell that hung in the room started to ring. It was succeeded by a clanking noise as if some one was dragging a heavy chain over the casils in the cellar.

It came through the door, and passed into the room. It was Marley! Marley's chain was made of cash-boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds and heavy purses wrought in steel.

The Ghost informed Scrooge, "it is required of every man that the spirit within him should walk abroad among his fellowmen; and if that spirit goes not forth in life, it is condemned to do so after death. It is doomed to wander through the world—and witness what it cannot share."

"You will be haunted by Three Spirits. Without their visits, you cannot hope to shun the path I tread. Expect the first when the bell tolls One."

Scrooge awoke and the curtains of his bed were drawn by a small elfish creature.

"I am the Ghost of Christmas Past," it said.

The Ghost and Scrooge went to a bare room where a lonely boy was reading near a feeble fire: Scrooge wept to see his poor forgotten self as he used to be, and glanced wistfully towards the door. It opened; and a little girl much younger than the boy came in and, kissing him, addressed him as her "Dear, dear brother."

"I came to bring you home, dear brother!" said the child. "Home, for good and all. Home, for ever and ever. Father has sent me in a coach to bring you."



THEY stopped at a warehouse door. It was Fezziwig's. A fiddler came and tuned like fifty stomach-aches. They danced and ate. Scrooge found himself by the side of a fair young girl.

"It matters little," she said, softly. "To you, very little. Another idol has displaced me; and if it can cheer and comfort you in time to come, as I would have, I have no just cause to grieve."

"What idol has displaced you?" he rejoined.

"A golden one."

"Spirit!" said Scrooge, "show me no more! Conduct me home. Why do you torture me?"

Scrooge had no occasion to be told that the bell was again upon the stroke of One.

Now his bed became the very core and center of a blaze of ruddy light, which streamed upon it when the clock proclaimed the hour. Living green so filled it that it looked a perfect grove.

Merry Christmas

... The familiar Christmas Carols we sing every year, and never tire of... Silent Night... Oh, Come All Ye Faithful... The First Noel... all the lovely songs rendered in church, at home, and wherever free people are gathered, these things are Christmas.

... The Child-like traditions which young and old enjoy... the stockings at the fire-place... the poem, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"... Dickens' Christmas Carol... the tree gleaming in the parlor... the secrecy and expectancy of bright faces, these

things are Christmas.

... The last-minute rush in everything we do... rushing to meet the mailman... rushing to meet the train... rush to get more multi-colored lights that glitter and reflect the beauty of the most beautiful-of-all-seasons, these things are Christmas.

... The beautiful spirit of giving... giving not only presents, or money to the poor... but giving our love, our willingness to help, our benevolence. our friendship to all, these things are Christmas.

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IN EASY state upon this couch, there sat a jolly giant. "I am the Ghost of Christmas Present," said the Spirit. "Spirit," said Scrooge, "conduct me where you will." "Perhaps it was the Spirit's sympathy with all poor men that led him straight to Scrooge's clerk. On the threshold of the door the Spirit smiled, and stopped to bless Bob Cratchit's declining."

In came Bob, Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Alas for Tiny Tim, he bore a little crutch.

Master Peter, and the two ubiquitous young Cratchits, went to fetch the goose, with which they soon returned in high procession.

There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked.

"God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim.

SCROOGE was taken from Cratchit by Christmas Present to another end of town.

It was a great surprise to Scrooge to hear a familiar hearty laugh. Scrooge recognized it as his own nephew's. "He said that Christmas was a holiday, as I live!" cried Scrooge's nephew to the party. "He believed it too."

The bell struck again.

Scrooge looked about his bedroom once more, and beheld a solemn Phantom, draped and hooded. He went with the Phantom into an obscure part of the town, and into the presence of a man, just as a woman with a heavy bundle entered. She explained that the blankets belonged to Scrooge, but being dead he was not likely to take cold. Scrooge shuddered at the revelation that this would be his fate in retribution for his unkindness during life.



HOLDING up his hands in a last prayer to have his fate reversed, Scrooge saw the Phantom shrink, collapse and divide down into a bedpost.



YES! and the bedpost was his own.

The bed was his own, the room was his own. Best and happiest of all, the time before him was his own, to make amends in!

Running to the window, he opened it and put out his head, calling to a happy archer in the street.

"Do you know if the Poulterers have sold the prize turkey?"

"It's hanging there now."

Scrooge and the turkey delivered to Bob Cratchit's. Scrooge then went to church and in the afternoon he went to his nephew's house.

"It's I. Your Uncle Scrooge. I have come to dinner. If'll you let me in, Fred!"

Let him in! It is a mercy they didn't shake his arm off. He was at home in five minutes. Nothing could be heartier.



HE WENT to the office early the next morning. Bob was eighteen minutes behind his time.

"I am not going to stand this sort of thing any longer. And therefore," said Scrooge, leaping from his stool, and giving Bob a die in the waistcoat. "I am about to raise your salary!"

Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father. He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the old city knew, or any other good old city, town or borough in the good old world.

A Merry Christmas to each of you

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STANDARD NEWS

By Mrs. R. G.

BRIDAL SHOWERS FOR
STANDARD GIRLS

Two delightful bridal showers were held in the K. P. Hall at Standard recently.

On Saturday, November 30th, friends of Miss Annabelle Ornburn honored her at an afternoon party. A short program and refreshments were a prelude to the opening of many lovely gifts. Miss Ornburn's marriage to Mr. C. Armstrong of Hussar will take place on December 28th.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, Miss Martha Jensen, a popular bride elect, whose marriage to Mr. Charles Kimmet will take place in Calgary on December 10th, was the guest of honor when a group of her friends entertained for her, and presented her with many useful and beautiful gifts. A musical program and toasts to the bride were features of the afternoon's entertainment.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, the Annual Election of Officers of the Standard Chapter No. 76, Order of the Eastern Star, took place. The following

Officers were elected and appointed, and will serve during 1947—
Worthy Matron, Ada M. Fletcher;
Worthy Patron, Charles Madsen;
Associate Matron, Millicent Wheatley;
Associate Patron, Charles Madsen;
Secretary, Flora Wirt; Treasurer, Hilda Jensen; Conductress, Mae Westergaard; Associate Conductress, Annie Riefenstein; Chaplain, Lottie Lee; Marshall, Tena Wagler; Organist, Bertha Hymas; Ada, Vivian Larsen; Ruth, Esther Madsen; Esther, Janet Smith; Martha, Marie Christensen; Electa; Doris Fletcher; Warder; Bertha Christensen; Sentinel, Otto Christensen.

The war is over, but there remains an enemy at home which will not be defeated until the last germ is dead. Tuberculosis killed nearly 6,000 Canadians last year. Do your part to help stamp out this disease by buying Christmas Seals.

The average cost of a case of tuberculosis, including loss of wage, clinic service and hospital care, is approximately \$5,200. This is a luxury no one can afford. But Christmas Seals and help stamp out this disease.

AS I SEE IT

by W. E. SIEBER

CHARACTER EDUCATION FOR
DEMOCRACY

The Home must always be the institution that is primarily responsible for the character development in the life of the children. It would appear, however, that we are living in an age in which too many parents have abdicated this supreme responsibility of parenthood—the moral and spiritual training of their children.

Jean Jacques Rousseau in "Emile", which is really a treatise on Education, says: "Let mothers vouchsafe to nourish their children and our manners will reform themselves. . . . The attractions of home life present the best antidote for bad manners. . . . When women once more are true mothers, men will become true fathers and husbands. . . . He who cannot fulfill the duties of a father has no right to be a father. Not poverty, nor severe labor, nor human respect can release him from the duty of supporting his children and educating them himself."

Whether or not we agree with Rousseau, the primary responsibility for character education rests squarely on the shoulders of the parents and cannot be delegated to either the schools or the churches. These institutions can only augment and reinforce any good moral training that the parents have already given to their children.

It is in the earlier years of the child's life that character and tastes are largely determined. Character traits establish themselves and their direction in those years in which, for the greater part, the child's learning consists of imitating its parents whom it believes to be "able to do anything and to know all things." The rudimentary shaping of character takes place before the child is swept into the currents of school life, in which he exhibits the same behaviour patterns towards his schoolmates that he has learned to practise in his home relationships. Ideas and attitudes have begun to establish themselves before the child enters school and may now be only modified, but not greatly altered after he reaches school age.

An important task ahead of us is to establish a different measuring rod in our appraisal of the value and aim of education itself.

The Writer feels that we should encourage only the very finest of our young men and women to enter the teaching profession. And that we should place teacher training on a much higher level—a level at least as high as that which is required for other highly important professions. The time is past when we should regard it as less than a life's work. We dare no longer treat it as a mere stepping stone to a more lucrative position, or as a prelude to another profession, or even an interlude between adolescence and marriage.

Why should we not be prepared to pay similarly large fees to our educators whom we entrust with the task of shaping and directing the mind of our children, as we are prepared to pay specialists in medicine and surgery

for the correction of physical handicaps or illnesses?

We should also re-examine the ends and aims of education itself. Prof. Joad says: "As far as I see there is little or no agreement as to what education is for or what it should contain or for how long it should continue." There is need for reappraisal of its ends and aims.

Our western civilization and educational outlook has been built upon Greek and Jewish thought and traditions. According to Plato, Greek thought held that beauty, health and well-being are equivalent to goodness. The inheritance from Jewish thought is no less dangerous. It confused possession of material wealth with divine approval until possessions almost became the sole criterion of character.

With this background of inheritance from the past it was the natural thing for us to become intoxicated with our unique success in scientific research and discoveries. These have greatly enriched mankind in material blessings and are not to be despised. But it is wrong to so worship them as to continue to believe that the chief purpose of education is to fit children to earn a good living, and or to fill an important place in the community. This really means that our children above all else must be taught the fine art of exclusive personal ambitions. No wonder we stress factual knowledge and intellectual power to the extent of pushing the moral and spiritual values into the background, if not out of life altogether.

Our program of "social studies" can not do very much to offset this atmosphere of exclusive personal ambitions which is the very breath of life of so large apart in our civilization. This has become the mainspring of our actions and is not in harmony with good democratic living. If we really believe in democracy then we must re-examine the ends and aim of modern education and seek to discover others that will be more in harmony with demands of life in a democratic nation. The ends of education must seek to aid the student in accepting the social and economic mutualities of the modern world created by our technological advancement. We must now enrich spiritually the ends and aims of our educational processes and keep the exclusive personal ambitions in the background while we seek to develop community thinking and action in the life of the children who will be the inhabitants of any new world that will arise.

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Christmas 1946

Rev. J. T. Gibbons

ened into the darkness of night. Joseph sought out a nearby cave that offered a precarious shelter for Mary. Only a dug-out in the Judean hills furnished the Saviour of the world with a roof almost as forbidding as the cold canopy of the starless night.

The manger, utterly devoid of human comfort, held the cherished form of the Son of God. He was King of Kings. Yet in place of the gilded cradle there was a rough feed box of oxen; in place of eiderdown, common straw bedding; in place of regal purple and fine linens, rough covering called swaddling clothes.

The stolid Bethlehemites and the pilgrims who had come to the City of David slept during that first Holy Night, when the Saviour was born. Only Celestial spirits and earth's poorest folk were eye witnesses of the Glory of God. The Angels and Shepherds were the first to adore the infant King. Caesar Augustus was far away in the Imperial City. For him the Birth of Christ meant only another subject. The prophecies of the Old Testament were scoffed at by the Dictator. Today the name of the once powerful monarch is just another name in history, but the Child born in the manger lives in the hearts and influences the lives of millions of people after a lapse of almost two thousand years. The "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will" that was first sung by the heavenly Choir will be chorused all over the Christian world on Christmas day, 1946.

If the Christ Child had been a mere man, He could never have influenced the lives of millions throughout the Christian Era and He would never have brought about the great moral revolution that has altered the face of the earth.

For the Christian, Christmas is more than a fiesta of lights, colour, sentimental music, gargantuan meals and a visit to the ice-cream parlour. Christmas is an open season, made merry by the mad ringing of cash registers. A golden opportunity of cashing in on the light-hearted populace, frenzied with a wild mania for spending. Have we not succeeded in commercializing almost everything, even remotely connected with Christmas. Take a look at our Christmas greeting cards, that put such a strain on our postal facilities. What possible connection could pictures of dogs have with Christmas?

The Child born of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the stable was not simply a messenger from Heaven; not simply a good man. He was God, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. True God and True Man. The Blessed Virgin Mary was truly the Mother of Christ, who is God and for that reason, we honour her as the Mother of God. She does not usurp the place of God, but she gave birth to Christ who is God and therefore we honor her as the Mother of God.

At this Blessed Season of Christmas I wish to extend to all the readers of the Strathmore Standard my sincerest wish that this year you will have a happy and Holy Christmas - the kind that you have dreamed of in your dreams. A Christmas that will be for each and everyone a time of great joy.

It is estimated that 60,000 people in this country have tuberculosis - nearly half of whom do not know they have the disease. They are endangering their own lives and the health of others with whom they come in contact. Christmas Seals finance the search for these "hidden" cases.

The double-barred cross is the emblem of the campaign against tuberculosis.

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A Voice From The Other World

Rev. M. Jorgensen

was the gain of it all? We see only the flicker of a light. But is it dawn or dusk?

Earnest souls are not just sounding syllables. They are probing deeper - wider - higher into new realms in order to find ways of greater satisfaction.

As the old year comes to a close and a new year is about to break upon us, the Church in the western world observes Christmas, the birthday of the Saviour, Christ, our Lord.

Christmas brings to mankind another voice, a different voice. It might not be so loud. But it is more in earnest. It is more meaningful. The angel brought it from heaven to men on earth: "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

For earnest souls heaven's voice at Christmas time is fraught with help and hope.

It assures of heaven. Mortal man dwells on earth for a brief span of years. Here toils and tears are many. But earthly rewards do not satisfy. Our quest is not ended. Our hunger is not filled. This is the explanation: Our eternal souls are not contented by temporal goods; the assurance of heaven has been lost by souls meant for heaven.

At Christmas time the angelic announcement from the other world makes heaven seem closer and more real. Christmas is man's opportunity again to become quiet and thus fill the soul with the assurance of the better, the heavenly home.

It promises salvation. The voice from the other world not only speaks of the reality of heaven. It promises participation in heaven's bliss as it conveys salvation.

The Christian conception of salva-

tion is a stirring one. It offers forgiveness of sins. It gives meaning to all of man's life and labor. It is the fulfillment of our deepest hopes. It brings final restoration and fellowship between man and his Creator and Redeemer.

It points to the Savior, even Christ the Lord. The purpose of the voice from heaven is a very single one. To tell all men - the humble shepherds on the fields of Bethlehem and King Herod in his royal palace - the sturdy prairie settlers in Alberta and the rich or refined in present day society - a Savior is born and given to sinful men.

Man may ignore and reject this Savior, but only to his own hurt. The recognition and acceptance of that Savior is the beginning of a new life. The life of faith and fellowship with Him is like moving toward the rising sun and a new and better day.

Hark, a voice from yonder manger. Soft and sweet.
Doth entreat,
"Free from woe and danger;
Flee from come from all that grieves you."

You are freed;
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HARRY W. HAYS RE-ELECTED TO
HOLSTEIN BOARD

Harry W. Hays, Calgary, has been re-elected as the Alberta representative for 1947 on the Board of Directors of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada according to word received from G. M. Clemens, Secretary-Manager of the Association. Mr. Hays was chosen for this position for his second term as Director through the medium of a mail ballot conducted amongst the Alberta members. Harry Hays is the President of Hays Ltd which maintains at Calgary one of the largest and finest Holstein herds on the continent and during the past year have established markets for Canadian Holsteins in Great Britain and many Latin-American countries.

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MAYOR HUGHES' CHRISTMAS GREETING

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The attitude in this respect is not only becoming more prevalent in individuals or small businesses but has unfortunately (particularly in post-war years) been predominant in the plans of our large corporations.

We criticize our Municipal Government, our Provincial Government, our Federal Government, and even try to tell the United Nations Organization

where they are wrong, but my prediction is we will never overcome our present difficulties and have peace on earth and goodwill towards men until we all adopt a different attitude considering not only our own welfare but also that of our neighbor.

Years ago the approach of the Christmas Season was looked forward to the celebrated in a simple manner (as should be). Greetings and Best Wishes then extended in all their simplicity were more sincere and befitting the occasion than in the present day when elaborate and glamorous preparations are considered necessary.

Unfortunately we have gradually permitted this sacred festive season to become commercialized to such an extent that it is no longer an occasion looked forward to by many due to the preparations and worry entailed.

We brag of the progress we have made in many ways and are justified in doing so. In this way we have not progressed but have departed from and overlooked the true meaning of the occasion. When we can all join in observing this great event in a true and simple manner, when every greeting extended rings with sincerity, then and then only will the Christmas Season be celebrated as the occasion demands.

While these remarks may sound pessimistic to many it is not my desire to create any such feeling at this time. On the other hand we have a great many things to be thankful for, and considering conditions in other parts of the world we should give our thanks for living in a land of plenty and where future prospects are bright.

On behalf of the Town Council I sincerely extend to all Residents of Strathmore and Community the very best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

CANADIAN LEGION

About thirty members of the Canadian Legion gathered for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday.

For the first time the motion pictures of the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph, taken by Anson Chase were shown publicly. The members were enthusiastic about the excellency of the photography and the general artistic effect of the picture.

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WHEATLAND JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB

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Carseland at Kathryn, January 21.
Beiseker at Kathryn, January 23.
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WEDDING

FRIESZ — KINNEY

St. Michael's church was the setting on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock of the very pretty wedding between Carl Slack Friesz of Dalemead and Lois Anne Kinney, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Kinney of Rockyford. The double ring ceremony was conducted by Rev. D. A. Ford.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose for the occasion a floor-length gown of white sheer and featuring a sweetheart neckline. A finger tip length veil completed the ensemble. The bride carried a bouquet of red roses and white chrysanthemums. She wore a three-strand necklace of pearls, an heirloom of her grandmother. She also wore matching pearl earrings a gift of the groom. Her only attendant was her sister, Miss Mary Alice Kinney, who chose floor-length blue sheer with matching veil and carried pink carnations. Mrs. L. Kinney, mother of the bride was attractively gowned in black and wore a corsage

BOW VALLEY CHRISTMAS GREETING

The Council of Bow Valley Municipal District extends to all Ratepayers and Residents the best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

The year just past has been a good one, for our Municipal District. This has been brought about by the splendid co-operation of the Ratepayers, with the Council and our officers.

It is hoped that all industrial strife will soon come to an end so that needed equipment will be soon forthcoming to assist us to give you still better service.

We also extend to all people in the surrounding Towns, Villages, and Neighboring Municipal Districts, Compliments of the Season.

It is our Sincere hope that we will

of pink rosebuds.

After the ceremony, forty guests assembled in the Dining Room of the Memorial Hall to partake of a delicious turkey dinner, servitors were all friends of the bride. The bride's table was cleverly decorated in blue and pink and was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake flanked by the bouquets of the bride and her attendant. Bronze chrysanthemums also graced the tables. Toast-master's duties were ably performed by the uncle of the bride, Mr. Phil Rogers. Toasts were proposed to the King, the U. S. A. and to the bride, the latter being responded to by the groom. For a honeymoon in Keytesville, Missouri, the bride chose for travelling a becoming blue dressmaker suit, brown top coat and brown accessories. The couple will reside in Dalemead district.

soon have peace on earth and Goodwill to all Men.

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CARRY WATER VOTE

Ratepayers Approve Installation Of System—86.7%

By an overwhelming majority, proprietary electors of Nanton on Monday voted in favour of installation of a waterworks system in the town. The system will serve the whole of the central portion of the town and the engineers' estimate is \$73,144. It is expected that next year a vote on proposed sewerage, to serve the same area, will be taken. The survey has already been conducted and the engineers' estimate cost is \$47,000.

In Monday's plebiscite, 204 votes were cast. There were 177 ballots marked "Yes" and "For", instead of the "X", as required. The voters' list contained 269 names. The total vote cast represented 75.8% of those entitled to vote. The percentage of votes cast favoring the by-law was 86.7%. To carry 66 and two-thirds percent of the total was required. The vote favoring waterworks (179) was 66 and two-thirds percent of the total number of names on the voters' list (269).

W. H. Allan acted as returning officer, and Mrs. E. Kennedy as poll clerk.

LIONS CLUB MEETING

Thursday last in the dining room of the Memorial Hall a large group of Lions gathered for the regular meeting and supper. A delicious supper was served by Messrs Ed Godfrey, Charlie Coles, and Fred Hilton, following which a hearty sing-song was enjoyed with Miss Joan Garrett playing for the group.

Guest at dinner was Mr. David Drummond, who with John Scheer recently won third place in the Dominion Potato Club contest. Following dinner John Scheer gave a most interesting discourse to the club on the trip which he and David had made to Toronto a short time back.

During the courses of his talk, he mentioned the organization of the Potato Clubs, the sponsorship, and its activities. He told also a great deal about the other phases of the Royal Winter Fair, and with a good deal of quiet wit thrown in his remarks, his listeners were greatly interested. As one said afterwards, "I used to live in Toronto, and John saw more than I did."

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By Mrs. M. C. B.

On Saturday, Messrs. Ben Snyder, Ivan Montgomery and Graham Montgomery returned from several weeks spent hunting big game, and they were very successful; reporting good hunting, and plenty of game. Mr. F. L. Snyder, and W. Treend who were of the party, stopped off in Calgary; Messrs. R. Law and J. Snyder returned a week earlier.

On Saturday evening, the Hussar Community Hall was filled to capacity by the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lawrie and sons, who have sold out their business here and are moving to Fairview soon. The committee consisting of Mrs. V. P. LeGrandeur, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Treend, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Knudsen, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Treacy, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bell and Mrs. P. R. Larsen, assisted by many other friends, had planned an interesting program, and a dainty lunch. There was a piano solo by Ruth Treacy, readings by Mrs. L. J. Montgomery and Mrs. E. J. Bell; Songs by the primary children, also by Dorothy and Faye Larsen, Shirley Moulton and Jessie Dredge; Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, Mrs. Knudsen; Marjorie and Gordon Moulton and Joanne Blake; and Joy Treacy, also two skits, one by Mrs. Ben Snyder and Mrs. Ivan Montgomery, the other by Mrs. LeGrandeur and Company; then Mrs. Hans Buck-schmidt at the piano and Mr. H. L. Moulton with violin, delighted the audience with several selections and led the crowd in singing. At the close of this part of the program, the chairman, Mrs. E. J. Bell, called upon Mr. Bell, to make the presentation speech to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie and their sons, Douglas and Wallace. The boys were presented with bill folds, and the Lawries with a beautiful coffee table and a sizeable purse. Mr. Lawrie made fitting reply, as did Mrs. Lawrie and Douglas. All feel sincere regret that the Lawries are leaving this community; but our loss is someone else's gain.

HUSSAR COUPLE JOIN MISSIONARY WORK

On Wednesday evening, the citizens of the Village of Hussar gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Seeley in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Schaffer, who have decided to leave Hussar and study for Missionary work, in Calgary. During their stay in Hussar, they have been Superintendent and teacher in Hussar Sunday School, and have endeared themselves in the hearts of the young people. Mr. Schaffer has sold out his interest in the B. A. Service station here, and his brother, Albert Schaffer and family occupy their home here.

The program at the party consisted of "Truth and Consequences" directed by Mrs. L. I. Montgomery. Everyone entered into the spirit of the game and it was very enjoyable. A most bountiful and delicious lunch was served by the hosts and hostesses, assisted by many others. Mr. E. J. Bell had the pleasant task of presenting the couple with a sizeable purse with which to buy what they wished to help them in their studies. They both made fitting thanks. They will be moving to Calgary by the end of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Seeley were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson and Mrs. L. I. Montgomery as committee, and many others.



To Reduce Weed Seed Spread

The Alberta Department of Agriculture has been requested to prohibit custom seed cleaning except by permit. We know that we cannot get rid of weeds by planting them, but a surprising number of weed seeds are drilled into our fields every year.

The custom cleaning plant is replacing the individual fanning mill in many districts. When under careful management, these custom cleaners do effective work and render a very useful service. When carelessly operated they are a menace to the community. In the case of a farmer with weed seeds like wild mustard or hoary cross patronizing the cleaning plant, the careless operator will spread these weeds to the farms of most of his other patrons.

The Provincial Government, Municipal Councils and farmers spend large sums to control weeds, but to keep weeds in check co-operation is required from all interested in good farming. As a safeguard against mixing seed of new weeds into otherwise clean grain during the cleaning process, all operators of seed cleaning equipment must now make application for a permit.

Permits are issued by the Field Crops Branch without charge, in all cases where the operator can satisfy the Department that his cleaning equipment is adequate and properly operated.

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Christmas Message

Mrs. Wm. Carson — Calgary
We are again about to celebrate the birth of Jesus—the Prince of Peace—the great Teacher, whose rules for living if followed, would regenerate mankind. "Let him that is greatest among you be the servant of all."

"Whoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."
Victor Hugo in one of his poems says — "One thing oh Jesus, fills my heart with terror; the echo of Thy voice still fainter grows." Victor Hugo died in 1885. Were he living now would he say that the echo of the voice of Jesus still grows fainter? We have passed through two world wars since Victor Hugo lived. The voice of Jesus is very much submerged in time of war and yet even in war time there are many deeds performed and principles put into execution that are in harmony with the teaching of Jesus. Since the war is ended, surely the voice of Jesus proclaiming the brotherhood of humanity has sounded across the world and in response fifty-four nations have sent carefully selected representatives to sit around one common table and patiently and laboriously work together to remove the obstacles that are keeping them apart. And while removing the obstacles they are trying to build the nations into one world which would be a fitting home for all nations who are made of one blood.

In the wide-spread demand for social security we see a response to the voice of Jesus, saying, "I was an hungred, and ye fed me." The demand is growing stronger that none go hungry in this world of plenty. None go hungry — even though unworthy — remembering that He maketh the sun to shine and the rain to fall on the evil and the good, on the just and on the unjust.

If we look on one aspect of life, we think that the echo of the voice of Jesus is growing fainter! Then again in the growing demand for the unity of nations, and in the efforts put forth to improve human relations, we hear the voice of Jesus dominating.

In this time of confusion of thought, and of departure from religious faith, and in the increasing regard for what is purely material, we receive great encouragement when an arresting book is given to the reading public. "Peace of Mind" by Lieberman, a Jewish Rabbi, is causing much discussion. Lieberman claims that Peace of Mind is the greatest gift of God and comes through religion. He claims that science and religion are not antagonistic and should work together. He asserts that Psychiatry and Religion working together would do much to create Peace of Mind.

The influence of Religion may yet check the trend toward the enjoyment of what is base and demoralizing and the worship of what is purely materialistic and bring us to a sense of the real values in life. We see signs that the antagonisms between the nations are lessening. That the efforts to remove destitution and misery are strengthening, and we hear voices calling us to the worship of what is highest. So in spite of the evil which is still staggering, we approach the Christmas season of 1946 with renewed faith and hope, believing that the Saviour of Mankind is still working in the minds of men.

Cousin of Penicillin

U. K. drug manufacturers have gone into large scale production of the new drug streptomycin, "cousin" of penicillin, which is claimed to be deadly to diseases unaffected by penicillin, including tuberculosis, typhoid fever and whooping cough.

Startling Examples Of Soil Erosion

Anyone who has taken the trouble to watch a heavy rain brush or roll the surface soil down a slope may have been reminded of a giant planing mill shaving the rough surface of a plank. Slowly and surely the surface is removed.

In soil erosion measurements by the Field Husbandry Division at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, says Dr. P. O. Ripley, Dominion Field Husbandman, it was somewhat startling to learn in 1945 that in the four months, June to October, 15 inches of rainfall shaved 31.6 tons of soil per acre from the surface of a field of corn planted and cultivated up and down a ten percent slope. On June 17, 1946, 45 tons of soil per acre were washed off the same plot by 3 inches of rain in exactly one hour. On an adjoining plot which was summer-fallowed, the runoff at the same time was 72.5 tons of soil.

During the 1945 growing season with 15.63 inches of rainfall and 1946 with 19.78 inches of rainfall the total soil runoff on a summer-fallowed plot cultivated up and down the slope, unmanured, has amounted to 132 tons per acre. On corn cultivated up and down the slope 128 tons were lost. Manuring the soil made it more absorbent and porous and the runoff on a manured summer-fallowed plot was only 114 tons during the same period while a manured corn plot lost only 100 tons of soil.

Planting the corn on the contour reduced the runoff still more to only 34 tons of soil per acre. With a cover crop of alfalfa only one-quarter of a ton of soil was lost.

These rather startling figures tell a very simple story, says Dr. Ripley. Tremendous losses of soil can occur if improper methods of soil and crop management are used in sloping ground. The loss can be reduced to an almost negligible amount if proper crops and methods are used. Don't let the rain shave off the surface soil, he advises. It is valuable.

AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE

A while ago one of the opinion polls asked a simple, sensible question: "Are you happy?" In Canada 87% replied "Yes."

Here's a bitter pill for us, the professional exhorters—the preachers, the politicians, the luncheon speakers and the editorial writers. Month in and month out we wear our fingerlings to the quick viewing with alarm. If it isn't strikes, it's shortages, if it isn't Communism it's World War III—we are never at a loss for apprehension. Now, after all this work, 87% of the people say they're happy. There's gratitude for you.

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11:00 a.m. Sunday School.
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
followed by Young Peoples Meeting
Ardenode:—
12:00 Noon Morning Prayer

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CARLELAND:—
Mass at Carleland 12:00 noon.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, STANDARD

— M. Jorgensen, Pastor. —

Friday, December 13, 8:00 The Sunday School Teachers will meet in the home of Burge Larsen.
Saturday, December 14 2:30 The Confirmation Class will meet.

Sunday, December 15
10:50 Services, English.

12:00 Sunday School and Bible Class
2:30 Services, Danish.

8:00 The Y.P.S. will meet.

Wednesday, December 18, 8:00 The Dorcas Society will meet in the parsonage.

A pink elephant, a green rat and a yellow snake walked into one of Toronto's new cocktail bars one afternoon. The bar tender looked up, glanced at his watch, and said: "You're a little too early fellows, he hasn't come in yet."

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LANGDON

— By G. E. W. —

Winners of the "500" card game held in the hall on Wednesday, December 2nd are, ladies, Mrs. E. Lawrie, 2nd Mrs. R. Anderson; Gents 1st Mr. A. Warrack, 2nd Mrs. Albertson. The last game of the present series will be held on December 28th.

Twenty-two members were present last Wednesday afternoon when the W. L. held their annual meeting in the hall. A busy afternoon was held reading the reports of the year's work, and plans were made for the coming year. It was decided to hold the meetings twice a month beginning January 8th.

22 p.m. Election of officers was held after the business session and are as follows for the coming year: President, Mrs. G. L. Buntin; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Watson; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. G. Crilly; Secretary, Mrs. E. T. Moe; Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Braden; Directors Mrs. H. H. Blue, Mrs. V. C. Scott, Mrs. G. Whitney, Mrs. A. Warrack. Roll call was exchange of gifts and a Christmas verse. Lunch was served by Mrs. Buntin and Mrs. Thomas, bringing a very successful year to a close.

The Home and School Scotch Auction and bazaar held last Saturday night in the hall netted a substantial sum of \$48.00. The Scotch auction box

was much enjoyed by the children (and adults) when they had the fun of bidding on wrapped articles. After this the gifts on the bazaar table were also auctioned including knit articles, home made bread, buns, cake, pie, fruit, etc. etc. A program of action songs, and a play conducted by A. Hall and her junior grades, was much enjoyed, also a piano solo, singing by the high school girls. Mr. Frank Thomas, acted as auctioneer assisted by Mr. Dick Bittle. Lunch was served by the Ladies of the Home and School. "Thank You" to those who helped to make this a success.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Watson, Mrs. Geo. Whitney and Stewart were in Calgary last Thursday.

Betty Winters of the Langdon corner is home after her recent tonsil operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson and Mrs. A. Smart were guests at the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinnon held in Dolomed on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Cathro and small son Jim, also Miss Catharine Whitney of Calgary were home for the week-end visiting their parents.

The sports club, are holding a corn-beef and cabbage supper in the hall this Saturday evening, December 14th.

RURAL GLEICHEN

We wish to correct an error in a recent issue. The item read "a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ferguson". It should have read to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holland (nee Gladys Ferguson). Apologies to all parties.

Mr. W. Payne who formerly lived in Gleichen district passed away in Calgary last Monday. His wife predeceased him a little over a year ago. The funeral was in Calgary on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Green are the proud parents of a baby boy born in the Hassano Hospital Wednesday.

Last Monday evening a group of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Yule Sr. to give them a farewell before embarking on their long trip to Scotland. A grand time was reported.

The Old Timers Dance was held in the Gleichen hall on Friday. It is an annual affair, and again Brenner's orchestra furnished the music. The crowd was well entertained, and declared it the usual gala time.

Thursday afternoon the U.F.W.A. held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Edith Walker. After the usual business hour the annual election of officers was held. The officers for

CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

the coming year are President, Mrs. A. Quinell, Vice-President, Mrs. J. Wilson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. F. Sammons; Pianist, Mrs. R. Burne; Song Leader, Mrs. G. Chartrand; Full Sec. Mrs. A. McLeay; Directors, Mrs. D. Yule, Mrs. R. Cunningham, Mrs. R. Burne, Mrs. B. McKeever, and Mrs. J. A. McArthur; Sick Committee, Mrs. N. MacMillan and Mrs. G. Yule Jr.

Mrs. J. Wilson was in charge of the Christmas basket. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wilson and the men are asked to please attend, and Mr. C. T. Armstrong, director of this constituency has been asked to be present and speak to the men. It is hoped Mrs. Armstrong will speak to the ladies, please keep this date in mind and come.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Bushmann of Tudor M., and Mrs. J. A. McArthur and Donald, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Debbie and Ronnie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wilson Sunday.

Sarah MacMullen was home over the week end visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. MacMullen.

Mrs. Ed. Holland and infant daughter Heather Lorraine came home from Calgary the middle of last week.

On Monday night in Memorial Hall, the Music Committee of the Community Council is holding the second in a series of six concerts through the winter.

This concert is to be devoted in the main to vocal selections but will have in addition the school orchestra. The musical selections deal mainly with the Christmas theme, and lead up to the Hallelujah chorus with the full choir. There will be choruses, quartets and solo and school students of Mrs. Alice Polley will provide a pantomime choir.

COAL SHORTAGE

Recent cold weather and unrest among miners in this part of the world are combining to make a rather gloomy outlook in the world of coal these days. Reports from local dealers are that normal supplies are being cut down, in some cases by fifty per cent, and coal users who have placed orders will in many cases have to be satisfied with only half their order. Difficulties of raising coal to the surface of the mines, coupled with the miners' unwillingness to work longer hours mean that there is no likelihood of the situation easing up much in the next month or so.

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Bernard Shaw on H. G. Wells

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A number of new books have been purchased by the Strathmore Public Library from the proceeds of their raffle and Tea. The books are as follows: The Citadel, A. J. Cronin; To The Last Man, Zane Grey; The Razor's Edge, W. S. Maugham; This Above All Eric Knight; Disputed Passage, Lloyd C. Douglas; Hungary Hill, Daphne du Maurier; Johnny Chinook, Robert Gard.

Some new children's books have also been purchased and are as follows:— Sally Scott of the Waves, The Bobbsey Twins, The Bobbsey Twins at the Seashore, The Bobbsey Twins in the Country, Pinochio, Nancy Henshaw.

Also, some books were donated to us by Mr. J. R. Kearns. They are as follows:— The King's Spy, Beth Ellis; Young Beck, M. McDonald Bodkin; Set in Diamonds, Bertha M. Clay; Moon Call, Floyd Dell; The Right of Way, Gilbert Parker; The Top of the World, Ethel M. Dell; The Joyous Conspirator, George Gibbs.

COMING EVENTS

Regular Clinics for Infant and Pre-School Children are held by the Wheatland Health District from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Strathmore, the 18th of December in stead of the 24th. Carlsland the second Friday in each month. Standard, the third Thursday in each month. Rockyford the third Friday in each month.

Office hours are from 9-12 a.m. each Saturday. a221f

The second concert of the season being held under the direction of the Musical Committee of the Strathmore Community Council will be held in the Legion Memorial Hall on Monday, December 16. The program is made up of a group of vocal and instrumental artists from the district.

The Sunday evening Service in the United Church will be conducted by the Sr. and Jr. Groups of the C.G.I.T., who will hold their Annual Vesper Service—Everyone welcome.

Annual meet of U.F.A. will be held Tuesday, December 17th at 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.



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RIFLE RANGE AT BOBBY'S

Work is almost complete on the Reserve Army and Cadet Corps rifle range which is being constructed in the bowling alley at Bobby Hamblin's. Crews of workmen have been sent out by the army until now, the firing point, the target end and the lighting is almost ready for use.

The work has been so done that it will in no way interfere with the alley's use as a bowling alley, with of course, the provision that the two may not be carried on simultaneously. The firing point has been constructed at the pin end of the alleys, and is so made that it may be folded out of the

way for bowling. The targets have been built into the walls behind the seats used by bowlers, and are solidly backed up with metal backdrops, which deflect and break the power of the bullets.

A couple of spot lights have been arranged over the targets to flood them with light.

BABY CHRISTENING

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Taylor of Calgary have adopted a small baby girl whom they had Christened at Hillhurst United Church, Calgary, Sunday November 24th giving her the name of Elva Letitia. Rev. F. March officiated.

We wish the parents and the wee girlie much joy.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Snook wish to announce the engagement of their second daughter Alice to Herbert George only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Langdon. The marriage to take place in January.

POUND SALE

At the pound situated on the N. W. 26-22-25-4th. 2 p.m. Monday December 19th, 1946.

Iron grey mare with iron grey colt. Mare branded as cut R. T. Weight 1100. Black stallion age 4, star in forehead, Branded as cut R. T. Weight 1150. Grey gelding. Weight 1250, Branded as cut R. T.

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CHRISTMAS 1946

"Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus."

Despite strikes, unrest, wars and much bitterness — never in the world's history has there been so much wide spread sympathy and helpful concern for those in need or in less fortunate state than ourselves.

What prompts the sending of boatload after boatload of food and clothing to suffering Europe, or planes and trucks filled with food to the people of Alaska, or searching parties for the survivors of crashed planes, taking them life necessities, and bringing them out when possible to safety again?

What of the concern for the sick? or the endeavour to stamp out the dread diseases of cancer, tuberculosis, diphtheria etc., etc., and all the countless individual acts of helping.

What induces these humanitarian acts — but the spirit of Christmas in truth — the Christ spirit — though some

would not acknowledge it — working in the hearts of men and women, boys and girls.

Yes in very truth, for it is fulfilling Christ's request when he said — "In as much as ye do it to the least of these my brethren ye do it unto me." And so the spirit of Santa, the Christ like spirit will as we believe like the Old Man River — just keep rolling — just keep rolling along — ever faster and with a larger volume until it reaches a full ocean of concentrated endeavour in the cause of justice, and world wide Fair Play nation with nation.

"Till the wardrums throb no longer,
And the battle flags are furled
In the Parliament of Man,
The Federation of the World."

Tennyson, Locksley Hall

Hence this year we celebrate Christmas in the full belief that justice and righteousness — man with man will eventually prevail.

Waterworks And Nanton

The Town of Nanton went to the polls a week ago to decide on a question similar to the one which will shortly come before the ratepayers of Strathmore. It was the installation of water works in that town.

And they voted overwhelmingly to go ahead with the project.

We hope the people of Strathmore will have the same faith in the future of the town, the same interest in the possibilities opened up, as did the people of Nanton.

In many ways they are situated in a position roughly similar to that of Strathmore. They have depended on dug wells for some years past and have generally been well satisfied . . .

they had an apparently boundless supply of well water, and Strathmore seems to have the same.

However, they were faced with higher costs . . . \$120,000 for the entire system, including sewage, which was not voted on. This matter will come up for vote next year. True, they had more people to pay the \$120,000, so that as a body, it is unlikely to cost them more. But their main point was that they were looking forward, and looking forward to a Strathmore without water and sewage is much the same as looking forward to Nanton without it.

By all means, let's have water.

THURSTON'S
Merry Christmas
To One And AllTo our many friends—Whose
friendship and patronage we
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Season's Greetings, with best wishes
for your health, happiness and
prosperity throughout the coming
year.

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WHAT IS A
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This organization in Strathmore is now about eighteen months old.

A brief resume of its origin and accomplishments may prove of interest to many who are not conversant therewith, and we feel assured the Community Council will lose nothing by telling its story.

It owes its origin to a suggestion made by a group of women in a meeting of the Berry Vale Women's Institute in July 1945, arising out of a discussion of the problems as to how best to provide interesting entertainment and worth while development, for our youth the suggestion was made asking for an organization that would provide healthy sport, profitable entertainment and all round development, some of the skills for working were also to be provided.

Hence a small gathering of people met in Berry Vale followed by a second in Strathmore, with a third and organization meeting in Strathmore, when a duly constituted state of officers was elected, the name to be the Strathmore and District Community Council.

The acorn was planted and the oak is now taking very visible form, and sending forth its branches in several directions. Smaller meetings were held each month, the outcome of which was a larger general meeting in Strathmore when representatives of some 44 different organizations of district and town were invited to attend. From this meeting the decision to form a Community Council of Strathmore and District was definitely arranged of which Mayor T. S. Hughes was elected President and Rev. D. A. Ford Secretary.

A questionnaire was framed and sent to each group representative, from which the following activities and skills have been organized and the committees appointed are now actively working along their respective lines. These are Library and Reading Room; Music and Dramatics; Handicrafts for men and women; Skating and Hockey Baseball, Tennis and Golf; Film Projecting and a very necessary feature of any undertaking is the finance committee, whose work does not promise to be the least of these. So we have built from the first suggestion brought to Strathmore from Berry Vale's W. I. by Mrs. F. Hilton and Mrs. A. Morton, and we shall go on to fuller fruition.

People are becoming more Community Conscious, realizing that—that which provides interesting development mentally and spiritually, and healthy activity for the youth of all ages, is the firmest foundation on which to build.

Community Councils are also becoming a very general institution, the idea having spread to many localities whose people are actively interested in establishing a healthy environment. All Community Councils do not work on the same pattern but each one adopting its plans to the more evident need of their particular district.

Some of the local groups are already showing evidence of the value of the project — and others are definitely taking shape. One large but exceedingly commendable project being mooted is the building of a covered skating rink, as soon as materials are available. Skating and hockey are top ranking winter sports in Canada and it is only right and fitting, that proper conditions should be provided. Baseball, tennis and golf for summer, hockey, skating and skiing for winter, these form Canada's chief sporting past times. Hence in a nutshell, a Community Centre is an assembly of people banded together for the general benefit of those of all ages, and where possible and feasible having one central meeting place, where many of the activities can take place.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named Sarah Elizabeth Wheeler who died on the 31st day of July, 1946, are required to file with Messrs. Shandliffe, Milvain & MacDonald by the 31st day of January, A. D. 1947, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the executor will distribute the assets of the estate among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed, or which have been brought to knowledge.

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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crory announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Hazel Irene, to Alec Kormack, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Kormack. The wedding will take place in the United Church, Strathmore, at 2 p.m., December 24th, Rev. Hamilton, officiating.

CARD OF THANKS

The W. A. of United Church wish to thank everyone who helped so generously or who helped in any way to make their wedding the very gratifying success it proved.

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CARSELAND

By Miss H. McK.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Christensen (nee Violet Groves) on the birth of a son, December 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Peever spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. Way.

Don't forget the annual Christmas dance in the Carseland hall on December 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Slenko and Emily spent the week end visiting with his parents at Hussar.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bennett and Miss Mary Lepp of Calgary were Sunday guests at the J. Lepp home.

Mrs. W. H. Baker is visiting in Calgary with relatives for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moss of Calgary were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Moss and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thomson have arrived back from an extended visit in the States.

The final Nursing Class was held last Thursday at Mrs. A. Desmet's home with Mrs. E. Baker helping with the lunch. Miss G. Hutchings was guest speaker. After lunch Mrs. H. Colpoys, in a few well chosen words presented Mrs. Pat Morgan with a token of remembrance from the Class.

Last Thursday evening about 60 friends and neighbors gathered in the community hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bigger on their recent marriage. Dancing took the form of entertainment to music supplied by L. Aitkens and P. Aitkens. After supper the honored couple were called to the stage where Mr. Wm. Fawkes presented them with a number of lovely and useful gifts. Bobby replied, thanking everyone for the enjoyable evening. Dancing continued for a short while after which everyone wended their several ways homeward.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thomson entertained at dinner on Thursday evening before the party in the hall. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bigger, Jim and Art Bigger, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Aitkens and children and Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker and Gail.

China's Hairnets Popular. Despite the fashion for bobbed hair, China's hairnet industry is still important.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are contemplating a trip to the coast, the latter part of the month.

We are sorry to report that Martin Christensen is confined to bed with lumbago. We hope to see you around soon Martin.

Mrs. C. E. Cole spent the week end with her daughter and son-in-law at Vulcan.

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Local News Items

Our genial District Agriculturist, Mr. R. J. Milligan is wearing a very broad smile these days—why? Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Milligan in the Grace Hospital, Calgary, Sunday, December 8th about 8 p.m. a fine baby boy.

Edgar Lyons has taken over the Log Cabin Garage. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and son having taken up farming west of Calgary.

Mrs. H. A. Ruppe left Calgary Saturday en route to a visit with her daughter Mrs. Drury in Winnipeg, following which she will visit friends in Toronto, Detroit, Portland and other U. S. cities.

Cards are being received from Mrs. W. E. Julian from Dallas, Texas stating she is having a very fine time with friends. The trees and flowers are still blooming and the atmosphere balmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen entertained last Thursday evening at three tables of bridge, the occasion being the 37th anniversary of their marriage, and also Mrs. Sorensen's birthday. Some very interesting bridge was played, prize winners being high Mrs. S. Korek and Dr. Giffen, Consolations Mrs. H. Willson and Mr. S. Korek. Delicious refreshments were served and a very happy hour over the coffee cups followed. Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen had kept the special occasion a secret from their guests. The house was gay with beautiful flowers sent from various members of the family. All good wishes were expressed for many happy returns for Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chapple are rejoicing over the birth of a baby girl, Monday, December 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm of Webb, Saskatchewan have purchased the former Klidde farm on Highway West and are now residing there.

T. S. Hughes and Tommy Chamberlain returned Tuesday of this week from a successful hunting trip in the Nordegg country. At least one moose head was brought home to show that they did a little shooting too.

A shower for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hilton will be held in the Nightingale Hall, Friday, December, 13th. Good music provided. All welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury had no guests over the week end, the latter's brother Mr. Sanders and wife from Coutts, Alta.

Miss Alberta North R. N. leaves Friday for her post in Seattle, where she is anaesthetist in the Hospital.

A few ladies gathered at Mrs. North's home Wednesday to celebrate with her on the occasion of her birthday. The date was moved forward in order to gather while Miss North is still at home. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by everyone present.

The Anglican Young Peoples gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Colpoys last Wednesday evening, where a very enjoyable time was spent playing bingo, and numerous prizes were awarded the winners. Refreshments were served which ended a very pleasant evening.

We are sorry to announce that L. A. Phillips suffered quite a severe stroke in Calgary a few days ago. We hope medical treatment and care will be able to restore him to full activity again.

The big Christmas Stocking being raffled by the Boy Scouts will be drawn for at the Lion's Christmas Tree Party on December 23rd.

The ladies of the United Church W.A. are resting contentedly after their labors leading up to the very gratifying success of Saturday's Tea and Bazaar. Approximately \$210 was added to the Treasury. Everyone worked diligently and both the Home Cooking and home sewing tables were completely sold out.

Standard Pioneer Passes

The community was saddened to learn of the death of another old timer Mrs. William (Mary) Drydale, who passed away suddenly at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary on Friday, Mrs. Drydale was aged 71.

Mrs. Drydale was born in Andrew County, Miss., and came to Standard in 1914. She was a member of the Roman Catholic Church in Rockyford. Mr. and Mrs. Drydale celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in October, 1942.

She is survived by her husband, William of Standard; four daughters, Mrs. James J. Langdon of Rosebud; Mrs. A. L. Vanston of Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. R. P. Ornburn of Standard; Mrs. John Elias of Standard; one son Charles L. of Standard; one brother William Kimpke of Idaho; one sister, Mrs. Benton Van Horn of Savannah, Miss.; also 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Melvin and Holloway were in charge of arrangements.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A very pretty shower was given Mrs. Jack Wilkinson, a recent bride, on Thursday last by Mrs. Ethel Casson and Miss Esther Wagner, at the home of Mrs. P. Wright, with Mrs. Alice Crellin assisting in the arrangements. About forty ladies gathered to honour Mrs. Wilkinson who is the former Miss Gloria Fox, of this town.

Mrs. Wright's home was prettily decorated with long pink and white streamers running all the way through the room and about the walls, with a table in the centre on which was featured a marvellous three tiered wedding cake.

Following a cheery session chatting with the bride, little Lorraine Casson, with her long pretty curls, wheeled in a decorated wagon, on which were piled high a group of lovely gifts from the many ladies present. After every one had been opened, and all had had an opportunity to see them, Gloria very feelingly thanked the group for all the kindnesses shown her.

The candies at the side of the centre table were then lit, and a bountiful lunch was served. Best wishes were once more extended to Gloria before the happy group departed.

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STENOGRAPHER AND OFFICE ASSISTANT. APPLY IN WRITING TO THE MANAGER WESTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, STRATHMORE, AND ENCLOSE A SAMPLE OF A TYPE-WRITTEN LETTER. tfn

CANADIAN LEGION

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. A. Chase for giving of his time and talent, but then we have learned to expect this of him and we do appreciate it.

Mr. Gayton Robison was accepted into the membership of the Branch. During the business session some good discussion occurred, in which a large number of members participated.

The business over, a few games of bingo were played, followed by an informal sing-song around the piano.

The Annual Meeting and election of officers will take place in March. The next monthly meeting will be January 14th.

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